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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 3981

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS: INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

REF A) TOKYO 3722; B) STATE 62304

1. FOLLOWING IS UPDATE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT OF
LOS TEAM LED BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON. EMBASSY REQUESTS
EARLY GUIDANCE ON MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE (COUNSELOR IGUCHI) SUGGESTS FOLLOWING
SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 25:

1030 - 1230: MEETING AT FOREIGN OFFICE TO DISCUSS
ECONOMIC ZONE, INCLUDING FISHERIES; CONTINENTAL SHELF;
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT; TERRITORIAL SEA. ONLY FOREIGN
OFFICE PERSONNEL WOULD PARTICIPATE ON JAPANESE SIDE;
THEY WOULD BRIEF, INTER ALIA, ON PROSPECTS FOR JAPANESE
TERRITORIAL SEA LEGISLATION.

1245 - 1445: LUNCHEON HOSTED BY CHARGE BUTTON FOR
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US LOS TEAM, TREATIES BUREAU DIRGEN TOSHIJIRO NAKAJIMA,
LOS CHIEFDEL FUJISAKI (JUST REPORTED, INCIDENTALLY, AS
ABOUT TO BE NAMED TO SUPREME COURT), IGUCHI, LEGAL
DIVDIR WATANABE, LOS OFFDIR KUME, LOS DEPOFFDIR KOIKE, AND,
FROM EMBASSY, POLCOUNS SELIGMANN AND LOS OFFICER BROWN.

1500 - 1730: MEETING AT FOREIGN OFFICE TO DISCUSS
STRAITS ARTICLES AND MALACCA STRAITS ISSUES (WITH

REPRESENTATIVE OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT,
HISAMI TERAJ, SITTING IN); AND SEABEDS (WITH
REPRESENTATIVE OF MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
INDUSTRY SITTING IN).

1930 - 2200: DINNER HOSTED BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER
SHOJI SATO.

3. IGUCHI HOPED PROPOSED AGENDA WOULD BE AGREEABLE
TO US TEAM AND INVITED ANY ADDITIONS WE WOULD
WISH TO PROPOSE. JAPANESE WOULD APPRECIATE
BRIEFING ON "CARTER ADMINISTRATION APPROACH TO LOS."

4. REGARDING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 26, JAPANESE
SAID THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO SET TIME FOR AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON'S MEETING WITH FONMIN HATOYAMA UNTIL
EVENING OF MARCH 24.

5. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT PRESS RELEASE WHICH EMBASSY PROPOSES
TO RELEASE MORNING OF MARCH 24, (EVENING OF MARCH 23,
EST). FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONCURRED.
BEGIN TEXT.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ELLIOT RICHARDSON,
PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, WILL VISIT TOKYO MARCH
24-27 TO TAKE PART IN CONTINUING INTERSESSIONAL
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON LAW OF
THE SEA ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE US AND JAPAN.
TOKYO IS HIS FIRST STOP ON A TRIP WHICH IS EXPECTED
TO TAKE HIM TO SEVERAL OTHER CAPITALS. AMONG THOSE
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ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WILL BE BERNARD
OXMAN, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR,
AND AMBASSADOR THOMAS CLINGAN, BOTH SENIOR AMERICAN
NEGOTIATORS ON LOS MATTERS.

AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WHO WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT
POSITION BY PRESIDENT CARTER ON JANUARY 25, 1977,
WILL LEAD THE US DELEGATION TO THE FIFTH PLENARY
SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, EXPECTED TO
BEGIN IN NEW YORK ON MAY 23.

6. WE ALSO PROPOSE THAT EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER HAVE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON IF-ASKED BASIS:
- AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER HATOYAMA SOMETIME DURING HIS VISIT.
- AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WILL ARRIVE AT HANEDA ON THE EVENING
OF MARCH 24, AND LEAVE EARLY ON MARCH 27.
- FROM JAPAN, HE WILL GO ON TO KUALA LUMPUR, JAKARTA,
SINGAPORE, AND PERHAPS TWO OTHER CAPITALS.
- THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S VISIT

IS TO RECONFIRM THE CLOSE IDENTITY OF INTERESTS WHICH
THE US AND JAPAN SHARE ON LOS ISSUES.

7. IN REF A, EMBASSY ASKED AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON TO CONSIDER BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE
AND ALSO OFF-RECORD DISCUSSION WITH EDITORIAL
WRITERS. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE
TWENTY-MINUTE TAPED INTERVIEW
BY NHK PUBLIC TELEVISION NETWORK. (EW UNDERSTAND NHK
WOULD BE WILLING TO SKIRT SENSITIVE QUESTIONS.)
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